

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2687 - SB 2616

February 16, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Clarifies the meaning of the term *honorable discharge* in the military for the purposes of receiving a lottery scholarship.

Present law provides that if a student is honorably discharged from military service before applying for the Tennessee HOPE scholarship, then the student shall apply for a scholarship within one year of the date of honorable discharge or within seven years of the student's date of entry into military service, whichever occurs first. This bill specifies that "honorable discharge" does *not* include general discharges and "discharges under honorable conditions." It includes only discharges that are "fully honorable."

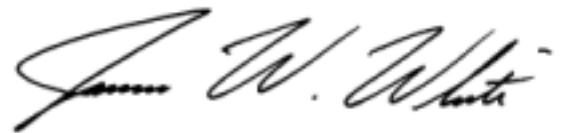
ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumes the bill will have minimal fiscal impact since it merely clarifies the term *honorable discharge* to be consistent with the original intent.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director